MINUTES OF THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, & ENVIRONMENT STANDING COMMITTEE

Room C445, State Capitol, State Capitol Complex January 28, 2009

Members Present: Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair

Rep. John Mathis, Vice Chair

Rep. Mel Brown Rep. Brad Dee Rep. Jack Draxler Rep. Kerry Gibson Rep. James Gowans Rep. Neal Hendrickson

Rep. Mike Noel Rep. Patrick Painter Rep. Phil Riesen

Rep. Christine Watkins Rep. Ryan Wilcox Rep. Brad Winn

Staff Present: Brian Allred, Policy Analyst

Carrie Griffith, Committee Secretary

Note: List of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes

Rep. Barrus called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

H.B. 11 Recodification of Natural Resources Provisions (Rep. J. Mathis)

Rep. Mathis explained the bill to the committee, thanking Emily Brown for her work on the bill.

Emily Brown, Legislative Legal Counsel, further explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Mike Styler, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources

MOTION: Rep. Riesen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed

unanimously with Rep. Dee, Rep. Draxler and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

Rep. Barrus relinquished the chair to Rep. Mathis.

H.B. 34 Penalties for Destruction of Bald Eagle (*Rep. R. Barrus*) (handout)

Rep. Barrus explained the bill to the committee.

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Spoke for the bill: Robin Thomas, Division of Wildlife Resources

MOTION: Rep. Noel moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously

with Rep. Dee and Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

Rep. Barrus resumed the chair.

H.B. 62 State Water Development Commission Amendments (Rep. K. Gibson)

Rep. Gibson explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to delete **H.B. 62** and replace it with **1st Sub. H.B. 62**. The

motion passed unanimously with Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Painter moved to pass the bill out favorably as substituted. The motion

passed unanimously with Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Brown moved to place the bill on the consent calendar. The motion passed

unanimously with Rep. Draxler absent for the vote.

H.B. 68 Development Exactions (Rep. P. Painter)

Rep. Painter explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Fred Finlinson, Utah Water Coalition

Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau and Agriculture Jodi Hoffman, Utah League of Cities and Towns

Justin Allen, Utah Association of Realtor and Property Rights Coalition

Boyd Clayton, Utah Water Rights

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed

unanimously with Rep. Gowans and Reb. Draxler absent for the vote.

H.J.R. 7 Equine Resources Joint Resolution (Rep. B. Winn)

Rep. Winn explained the bill to the committee. Todd Bingham further explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Mike Styler, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources

Leland Hogan, Utah Farm Bureau Federation

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MOTION: Rep. Gowans moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed

unanimously.

H.R. 1 House Resolution Supporting the Narrows Water Project in Central Utah (Rep. B. Winn)

Rep. Winn explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Claudia Jarrett, Chairman Sanpete County Commission

Edwin Sunderland, Chairman Conservancy District Sanpete County

Several City Council members and Youth Councils from Manti, Ephraim and Mt. Pleasant were recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Draxler moved to pass out the bill favorably. The motion passed with Rep.

Hendrickson and Rep. Watkins voting in opposition.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Barrus adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Rep. Roger E. Barrus, Chair